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BEGIN TEXT. THE PROLIFERATORS. FOR ALMOST A YEAR,

ARRANGEMENTS TO EXPORT, TO BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN
RESPECTIVELY, WEST GERMAN AND FRENCH TECHNOLOGY FOR MAKING
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING BEHIND A SMOKE-
SCREEN OF PIOUS PLEDGES TO NONPROLIFERATION. PUBLIC
OPINION, PARLIAMENTS AND EVEN THE CABINETS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FED MISLEADING INFORMATION ABOUT THE
SUPPOSED "SAFEGUARDS" IMPOSED.

AS THIS DISASTROUS PROGRAM HAS BEEN PRESSED FORWARD,
CREATING DANGERS FOR THE FUTURE OF ALL HUMANITY, WEST
GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE
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SERIOUS QUESTIONING AT HOME ON BONN'S SALE TO BRAZIL OF A
COMPLETE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, SOMETHING NO EXPORTING
COUNTRY HAS EVER DONE BEFORE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS
ESCAPED SERIOUS CHALLENGE AT HOME ON A SUCCESSION OF

"AUTHORIZED" DENIALS THAT THE PROJECTED SALE OF PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING PLANTS TO SOUTH KOREA AND PAKISTAN INVOLVED ANY DANGERS--A DIVERSIONARY MANEUVER THAT WAS EXPOSED WHEN PARIS BACKED OFF FROM THE SOUTH KOREAN SALE AFTER VIGOROUS AMERICAN PROTESTS.

IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, SECRETARY KISSINGER RECENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN REFUSAL SO FAR HAS BLOCKED AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A BAN ON EXPORT OF PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS BY THE SEVEN MAJOR NUCLEAR SUPPLIER NATIONS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, BRITAIN, CANADA AND JAPAN. A NEW AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE SEVEN UNDOUBTEDLY WILL IMPROVE INSPECTION BY THE VIENNA-BASED INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY; BUT IT IS FAR FROM SUFFICIENT. BONN AND PARIS HAVE USED THE NEW AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THEIR PRETENSE THAT THE INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS NOW MAKE IT "SAFE" TO EXPORT EVEN SUCH DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT AS PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING PLANTS.

THE UNITED STATES, MR. KISSINGER INDICATED, HAS POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT THE SO-CALLED "SAFEGUARDS" AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR I.A.E.A. INSPECTION COULD BE UNILATERALLY ABROGATED BY BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN. THAT IS ONE REASON WHY THE UNITED STATES FOR THIRTY YEARS HAS REFUSED--AND STILL REFUSES--TO EXPORT URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT.

THE BREAK WITH THIS AMERICAN POLICY IN THE WEST GERMAN-BRAZIL AND FRANCE-PAKISTAN DEALS HAS LED TO INQUIRIES BY A HALF-DOZEN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, WHICH HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT ASSERTIONS THAT THESE CONTRACTS CAN NO LONGER BE REVERSED EVEN IF THEY VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY, WHICH BONN AND PARIS HAVE PROMISED TO UPHOLD.

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THE SPREAD OF PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COULD CONFRONT THE WORLD WITH A DOZEN OR MORE NATIONS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM FOR 3,000 HIROSHIMA-SIZE BOMBS ANNUALLY BY THE 1990'S. THE UNITED STATES, WHICH INVENTED THE BOMB, HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEADING OFF THIS EVOLUTION BY BRINGING OTHER EXPORTING NATIONS TO AGREEMENT NOT TO USE THE DEGRADATION OF EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AS "SWEETENERS" IN COMMERCIAL COMPETITION FOR BIG POWER REACTOR ORDERS. END TEXT. KISSINGER
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